



An Ordinance
Amending Chapter 72 Parking Regulations
of the Code of Ordinance for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina that Chapter 72 titled Parking Regulations of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sunset Beach is hereby amended as follows:

- Section §72.03 titled Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places is amended to add (G) and (H):
 - (G) Within the area designated as a private or commercial driveway in such a manner as to block the driveway and prevent access to the property
 - (H) Within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station
- Section §72.11 titled Parallel Parking Only on the Island is amended as noted and the following three (3) paragraphs are added:

§ 72.11 PARALLEL PARKING ~~ONLY ON THE ISLAND.~~

~~On the island any vehicle parked in the right of way on Main Street, Canal Drive from Cobia Street eastward, Sunset Boulevard, North Shore Drive West and North Shore Drive East from Sunset Boulevard to 6th Street shall be parallel parked only.~~

No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a street or alley that is paved other than parallel with the edge of said street or alley, in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the left side wheels at least three feet from the edge of the pavement, unless otherwise indicated or marked.

On unpaved streets, no person shall stand or park a vehicle in a street or alley other than parallel with the edge of said street or alley, in the direction of lawful traffic movement and far enough off the traveled portion of the street that the vehicle does not impede traffic, unless otherwise indicated or marked.

Unless indicated to the contrary, parking on the left side of a street or alley, opposing the direction of lawful traffic movement, is prohibited. In addition, double parallel parking is prohibited at all times and at all places.

Cross reference— Penalty, see § 70.99

- Section §72.24 titled Unattended Vehicles is added as follows:

§72.24 UNATTENDED VEHICLES.

It shall be unlawful for an operator or person in charge of a vehicle to leave such vehicle unattended on any street, alley, other public property, or on any private parking lot to which the general public is invited and at which there is no attendant, without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, and removing the ignition key from the vehicle. However, this section shall not be applicable to emergency vehicles.

Cross reference— Penalty, see § 70.99

- Section §72.25 titled Fire Lanes is added as follows:

§72.25 FIRE LANES.

Pursuant to the provisions of G.S. § 20-162(b), and for the protection and safety of the lives and property of the citizens of the town, there are hereby established certain fire lanes as set forth in this section. Fire lanes may be designated on private property which constitutes a public vehicular area as that term is defined by G.S. § 20-4.01(32) (or by a subsequent statute amending this statutory section) and on any highway or street as that term is defined in G.S. § 20-4.01(13) (or by a subsequent statute amending this statutory section).

(A) Fire lanes may be designated on any portion of a highway or street or public vehicular area as those terms are defined herein when the parking or placing of vehicles or obstructions in the area designated as a fire lane would interfere with the proper ingress or egress of fire-fighting trucks or other emergency vehicles, equipment or personnel.

(B) Fire lanes shall be clearly marked by appropriate aboveground signs, or signs and pavement markings. The person or legal entity in possession of the property on which a designation of a fire lane is made shall be responsible for installation and maintenance of the required signs or pavement markings. All signs and pavement markings utilized under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the town.

(C) No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, or put or place any object, structure, or obstruction, in a fire lane which has been established under the provisions of this section;

however, persons loading or unloading supplies or merchandise may park temporarily in a fire lane located in a shopping area as long as the vehicle is not left unattended. It shall be lawful for governmental vehicles or nongovernmental emergency vehicles, including rescue squad vehicles, to stop, stand, or travel within such fire lanes when required to do so in the performance of their official duties.

- Section §72.26 titled Handicapped Parking is added as follows:

§72.26 HANDICAPPED PARKING.

On any public street, no person shall park or leave standing a vehicle in any parking space that has been appropriately designated for the handicapped when the vehicle does not display the distinguishing license plate, placard or identification card as provided in G.S. 20.37.6.

Cross reference— Penalty, see § 70.99

- PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – The following Sections 72.20 – 72.23 are being removed due to attached Police Department Statement:

~~72.20—REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED.~~

~~Upon the written request of the owner or other person in general charge of the operation and control of any private property, including vacant lots, parking areas or driveways of a privately owned hospital, shopping center, apartment house, condominium complex, commercial office complex or any other privately owned public vehicular area, the Town Council may regulate or prohibit during specified hours the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles.~~

~~72.21—PROPERTY OWNER TO SUBMIT APPLICATION.~~

~~The owner or person in general charge of the operation and control of the property must submit a request for regulation, in writing, on application forms available from the Town Clerk-Treasurer.~~

~~72.22—ERECTION OF SIGNS.~~

~~(A) The cost of erecting, placing or installing signs and the cost of all necessary signs, as determined by the Chief of Police, shall be paid by the person requesting regulation.~~

~~(B) All signs erected must be approved prior to placement by the Chief of Police or the applicant may request that the town place the signs upon payment by the applicant of all costs.~~

~~72.23—PARKING PROHIBITED IN DESIGNATED AREAS.~~

~~No person shall stop, leave standing or park a motor vehicle in any area specified in [§72.20](#) when signs are placed, erected or installed giving notice that stopping, standing or parking is regulated, prohibited or prohibited during certain hours in that space or area.~~

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, _____

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Ron Watts, Mayor

Lisa H. Anglin, Town Clerk